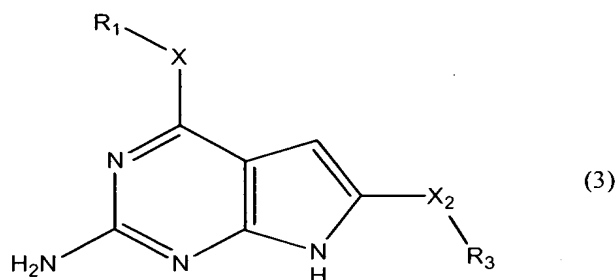


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims:

1-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A compound, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and prodrugs thereof, having the formula (3):



where X and is NH- and R₁ is present;

X₂ are is from one to about three atoms, ~~are the same or different~~ and if R₁-or R₃ is not present, are is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heteroalkyl group and a heteroalkenyl group, and if R₁-or R₃ is present, X-and X₂ are is independently selected from the group consisting of an alkylene group, a heteroalkylene group, an alkenylene group and a heteroalkenylene group;

and any carbons or nitrogens of said alkyl group, alkylene group, alkenyl group, alkenylene group, heteroalkyl group, heteroalkylene group, heteroalkenylene group or heteroalkenyl group can optionally be substituted with a straight, or branched ~~or cyclic~~ lower alkyl group or alicyclic group of from 1 to about 6 carbons;

~~at least one of R₁-or R₃ is~~ optionally present;

~~if present, R₁ is~~ selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, an alkylaryl group, a alkylheteroaryl group, a substituted aryl group, a substituted heteroaryl group, a substituted alkylaryl group and a substituted alkylheteroaryl group;

~~if present, R₃ is~~ selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, an alkylaryl group, a alkylheteroaryl group, a substituted aryl group, a substituted heteroaryl group, a substituted alkylaryl group, a substituted alkylheteroaryl group, and *p*-aroyl-glutamate;

and each substituent of any substituted group is the same or different and is selected from the group consisting of a straight, or branched ~~or cyclic~~ lower alkyl, alkenyl, or

alkynyl or alicyclic group of from one to about 6 carbons, an alkoxy group, an alkoxyaryloxy group, and a halogen.

29-35 (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 3522, wherein R₁ is *m*-bromobenzenephenyl.

37. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 3622, wherein X₂ is CH₂-CH₂.

38. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is 2-pyridinepyridyl.

39. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is benzenephenyl.

40. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is *p*-methoxy-benzenephenyl.

41. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is *o*-chlorobenzenephenyl.

42. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is 1-naphthalenenaphthyl.

43. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is 2-naphthalenenaphthyl.

44 -52 (Cancelled)

53. (New) The compound of Claim 22, wherein X₂ is CH₂-.

54. (New) The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is phenyl.

55. (New) The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is 2-methylphenyl.

56. (New) The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is 2-chlorophenyl.

57. (New) The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is 2,4-dichlorophenyl.

58. (New) The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is 2,5-dimethoxyphenyl.